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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES
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House Bill No. 9912



Introduced by Honorable MICHAEL L. ROMERO

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In the republic of the Philippines, the Department of Health (**DOH**) is the government agency tasked to protect public health by preventing and controlling disease, injury, and disability. With the recent pandemic outbreak that has been ravaging for the past fifteen (**15**) months, it is now highly imperative that a comprehensive Centralize **Disease Prevention and Control** entity be created; in order to promote healthy behaviors, a safe and healthy environment.

This Center for **Disease Prevention and Control** shall keep track of health trends, tries to find the cause of health problems and outbreaks of disease, and responds to new public health threats. This **Center for Disease Prevention and Control** shall work with state health department and other organizations throughout the country to help prevent and control this disease.

This House Bill seeks to create a **Center for Disease Prevention and Control** facility, and defining its powers and functions, and providing funds therefor.

Thus, the early passage of this bill is earnestly requested.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael L. Romero", written over a horizontal dashed line.

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AN ACT
ESTABLISHING A CENTER FOR DISEASE PREVENTION AND
CONTROL, DEFINING ITS POWERS AND FUNCTIONS,
PROVIDING APPROPRIATIONS, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

SECTION 1. DECLARATION OF POLICY. — It is hereby a declared policy of the State to implement a comprehensive methodology to attain continuous health development, to foster the right to health and promote awareness among them.

SECTION 2. CREATION OF THE CENTER FOR DISEASE PREVENTION AND CONTROL — The Center for Disease Prevention and Control is hereby created. It shall hereby serve as the main instrument of the Philippine republic in planning for future pandemics and dealing with any other outbreaks.

There is now a very serious need to create a single service facility for all COVID19 patients, under the *Disease Prevention and Control Institute*.

SECTION 3. MANAGEMENT. — The Center for Disease Prevention and Control shall be under the supervision of the Department of Health (**DOH**),

which shall gradually increase its operational funding, upgrade its medical equipment and facilities, and construct the necessary infrastructure to implement the provisions of this Act.

SECTION 4. OPERATIONS. — The Secretary of the Department of Health (**DOH**) shall include in the Department's program the creation of operations of the *Disease Prevention and Control Institute*.

SECTION 5. APPROPRIATIONS. — The amount needed for the implementation of this Act shall be included in the budget of the Department of Health (**DOH**) in the annual General Appropriations Act (**GAA**) of the year following its enactment to law and thereafter.

SECTION 6. TRANSITORY PROVISION — Existing industries, businesses and offices affected by the implementation of this Act shall be given six (**6**) months transitory period from the effectivity of the IRR or such other period as may be determined, to comply with the requirements of this Act.

SECTION 7. IMPLEMENTING RULES AND REGULATIONS. — The departments and agencies charged with carrying out the provisions of this Act shall, within sixty (**60**) days after the effectivity of this Act, formulate the necessary rules and regulations for its effective implementation.

SECTION 8. REPEALING CLAUSE. — All laws, decrees, executive orders, rules and regulations, or parts thereof inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed or modified accordingly.

SECTION 9. SEPARABILITY CLAUSE. — If, for any reason, any section or provision of this Act is held unconstitutional or invalid, the other sections or provisions hereof shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 10. EFFECTIVITY CLAUSE. – This Act shall take effect after fifteen (15) days from its publication in the Official Gazette or in at least two (2) national newspapers of general circulation whichever comes earlier.

Approved,